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FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY

1. ANGOLA. CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER PESSIMISTIC ASSESSMENTS TODAY, HOUSE DEMOCRATIC WHIP JACK MCFALL TOLD US THAT THE HOUSE WILL ADOPT THE TUNNEY AMENDMENT ON TUESDAY. A REPUBLICAN WHIP CHECK SHOWED A MAXIMUM OF 80 SUPPORTING US.

MEANWHILE, BONKER TOLD US HE NOW HAD 195 CO-SPONSORS FOR HIS RESOLUTION WHICH HE PLANS TO INTRODUCE ON MONDAY. BONKER'S SENSE-OF-CONGRESS RESOLUTION, IF PASSED, WOULD DIRECT THAT THE PRESIDENT REFRAIN FROM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE OF ANY KIND, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA UNLESS AND UNTIL SUCH ASSISTANCE IS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY CONGRESS.

WE WILL, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE SCHAUFLELE MAKING APPEARANCES IN THE HOUSE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

2. SPANISH BASES. PURSUANT TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, I PHONED SELECTED MEMBERS OR THEIR STAFFS TODAY TO BRING THEM UP TO DATE ON THE NEGOTIATIONS ("CLOSE TO SUCCESS, BUT NOT YET
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CONCLUDED--CONTRARY TO TODAY'S WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF FINAL AGREEMENT") AND INFORMED THEM THAT WE WOULD BE SUBMITTING THIS AGREEMENT AS A TREATY. REACTION WAS UNIFORMLY POSITIVE.

3. SECURITY ASSISTANCE. LATE YESTERDAY WE CONCLUDED OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF AIMED AT WORKING OUT COMMON GROUND ON DISPUTED ISSUES IN THEIR BILL. THIS MORNING MAW, GOLDBERG, L AND AID REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH MARSH, FRIEDERSDORF AND NSC STAFF IN ORDER TO REACH AN AGREED ADMINISTRATION POSITION. WE HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED OUR DISCUSSIONS.

MEANWHILE THE FULL COMMITTEE MET THIS AFTERNOON AND, WITH FEW RESERVATIONS, ADOPTED THE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WORKED OUT BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF AND OURSELVES. HOWEVER, SENATE STAFFERS INFORMED US THINGS BECAME SO CONFUSED IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THAT THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION COUNTRY FIGURES WERE LEFT UP IN THE AIR.

AFTER THE MEETING, HUMPHREY ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD COMPLETED ITS MARKUP OF THE BILL EXCEPT FOR "ONE MORE SESSION". HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE IS AWAITING YOUR RETURN AND HOPED TO DISCUSS THIS WHEN YOU APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK.

CARL MAW WILL MEET WITH HUMPHREY TOMORROW AFTERNOON IN ORDER TO DISCUSS OUR REMAINING RESERVATIONS. THIS WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE ANGOLA, AGENT FEES, FUNDING LEVELS AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. AGRICULTURE EXPORT POLICY. SECRETARY BUTZ AND CHUCK ROBINSON TESTIFIED TODAY AT THE FIRST OF TWO HEARINGS BY HUMPHREY'S AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE ON "HOW US EXPORT POLICY IS MADE". DESPITE REPEATED PROBINGS, BUTZ STUCK TO HIS POINT THAT DECISIONS ON AGRICULTURAL ISSUES, SUCH AS THE MORATORIUM ON GRAIN SALES AND THE SOVIET AGREEMENT, ARE REACHED COLLECTIVELY WITH FULL AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION. THIS DID NOT PREVENT SENATOR BELLMON FROM GRILLING CHUCK ON THE SINCERITY OF STATE'S CONCERNS ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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GRAIN PRODUCERS. ASIDE FROM BELLMON'S COMMENTS, CHUCK'S PRESENTATION WAS WELL RECEIVED-

5. COPRODUCTION OF ARMS - IRAN. AT THE REQUEST OF LEE HAMILTON, WE ARRANGED FOR GEORGE VEST AND NEA TO BRIEF HAMILTON'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON OUR COPRODUCTION GUIDELINES WITH AN EMPHASIS ON IRAN. HAMILTON WAS APPARENTLY CONCERNED THAT COPRODUCTION AGREEMENTS MIGHT PROVIDE A LOOP-

HOLE FOR THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS OR FOR EVADING PROPOSED

CEILINGS ON ARMS TRANSFERS. HE SEEMED SATISFIED ON BOTH COUNTS.

6. 200 MILE BILL. THE SENATE TODAY REACHED AGREEMENT TO VOTE WEDNESDAY ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ON THE 200 MILE FISHERIES BILL. A MODIFIED BENTSEN AMENDMENT PLACING AN EMBARGO ON FISH IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH DISCRIMINATE AGAINST U.S. FISHING VESSELS PASSED BY A SIZEABLE MAJORITY.

7. IEA BRIEFING. TOM ENDERS BRIEFED ENERGY AND POWER SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DINGELL ON THE IEA LONG-RANGE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE MINIMUM SAFEGUARD PRICE. DINGELL WAS SUPPORTIVE, EVEN SUGGESTING THAT THE BEST WAY TO IMPLEMENT OUR MSP WOULD BE BY MEANS OF A TARIFF. ENDERS IS CONTINUING HIS CALLS ON CONGRESSMEN TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS US-CANADIAN RELATIONS. ROBINSON

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